

1                   **HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO 66.**

2        (By Delegates M. Poling, Paxton, Perry, Moye, Barill, D.  
3           Campbell, Rodighiero, Lawrence, Pethel, Pasdon,  
4                                   Savilla and Sumner)

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7                   [Originating in the Committee on Education]

8                                   (February 10, 2011)

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10 Requesting the Joint Committee on Government and Finance to  
11       conduct a study regarding the various learning disabilities  
12       that affect many students in West Virginia; the barriers  
13       faced, services provided, accommodations furnished, and  
14       specially designed instruction delivered to meet such  
15       students' unique needs; and the level of awareness regarding  
16       available services, accommodations and specialized  
17       instruction that exists among parents of students with  
18       learning disabilities.

19       WHEREAS, Learning disabilities such as, but not limited to,  
20       perceptual disabilities, brain injuries, minimal brain  
21       dysfunction, dyslexia and developmental aphasia, affect a large  
22       number of students in West Virginia; and

23       WHEREAS, Students with learning disabilities are capable of  
24       learning successfully when their needs are appropriately  
25       addressed; and

1       WHEREAS, In order to ensure that students with learning  
2 disabilities achieve academic success to their highest potential,  
3 it is critical that they receive services and instruction that  
4 are appropriate to their learning needs; and

5       WHEREAS, The West Virginia Department of Education strives to  
6 ensure that for students with learning disabilities instructional  
7 delivery is adequate and effective, necessary provisions are  
8 available, and appropriate accommodations are furnished; and

9       WHEREAS, While provisions to foster successful learning by  
10 students with learning disabilities are available through the  
11 State Board and county boards of education, parents may not be  
12 aware of the options that are available to their children; and

13       WHEREAS, The needs of students with learning disabilities can  
14 be served best if the Legislature examines the issues surrounding  
15 services and instruction delivered to these students and  
16 determines whether any significant barriers exists that limit  
17 access to appropriate provisions; therefore, be it

18       *Resolved by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

19       That the Joint Committee on Government and Finance is hereby  
20 requested to study the various learning disabilities that affect  
21 many students in West Virginia; the barriers faced, services  
22 provided, accommodations furnished, and specially designed  
23 instruction delivered to meet such students' unique needs; and  
24 the level of awareness regarding available services,

1 accommodations and specialized instruction that exists among  
2 parents of students with learning disabilities; and, be it

3       *Further Resolved,* That the said Joint Committee on  
4 Government and Finance is requested to report to the regular  
5 session of the Legislature, 2012, on its findings, conclusions  
6 and recommendations, together with drafts of any legislation  
7 necessary to effectuate its recommendations; and, be it

8       *Further Resolved,* That the expenses necessary to conduct  
9 this study, to prepare a report and draft necessary legislation  
10 are requested to be paid from legislative appropriations to the  
11 Joint Committee on Government and Finance.